

REMARKS

Pending Claims

Claims 13-15 are pending in this application. Claims 1-12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 13-15 have been added.

Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority. The certified copies of the priority documents, JP 2002-203428 and JP 2003-191822, are enclosed with this paper. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge safe receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents in the next Office Action.

Specification

The Abstract was objected to for grammatical errors. In response Applicants have amended the Abstract. Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the Abstract be withdrawn.

The specification was objected to as not conforming to 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. In response, a Substitute Specification is attached to this paper, including a marked-up copy showing changes and a clean copy. No new matter has been added.

35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, claims 1-12 have been canceled, and the rejection is moot. New independent claims 13-15 have been added and are in conformance with US practice. Support for new independent claims 13-15 may be found, e.g., at pages 42-46 of Applicants' original specification, and e.g., FIG. 25. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 10 and 11 have been canceled, and the rejection is moot. New claim 15 is directed to a computer-readable medium storing a computer program including instructions for causing a computer system to execute steps for generating common data, and is believed to be in conformance with US practice. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by O'Flaherty (U.S. Patent No. 6,954,758). Claims 1-12 have been canceled, and the

rejection is moot. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 13-15 are patentable over O'Flaherty and the other art of record for the following reasons.

O'Flaherty is directed to a CRM system that dynamically builds predictive models using a data mining subsystem to extract similarities from among CRM clients (e.g., col. 7, line 13, through col. 8, line 12 and FIG. 4). However, O'Flaherty does not teach or suggest any system or method for generating common contents, as set forth in claims 13-15. New claims 13-15 focus on the generation of common contents that are commonly used for various portal sites. The common contents are created on the basis of material data, as discussed, for example, on page 11, lines 11-27 of Applicants' original specification, and are created by a common contents creation function of the contents creation system. FIG. 25 illustrates a method of common contents creation under the invention, and includes two phases: a material data editing phase effected by the staff, and an edited material data approval phase effected by the staff manager.

O'Flaherty fails to teach or suggest a method or system that displays the information for the staff members and staff manager, as recited in claims 13-15. In particular, O'Flaherty fails to teach or suggest displaying selected material data contents in response to the staff member's selection from the material data list, and performing an initial setting of parameter items by extracting keywords prepared by the system; updating the material data when items of the material data are edited by the staff member, and checking the updated material data by a wording filter; and

sending a request for approval of the updated material data to a staff manager, as recited in claim 13. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 13 is allowable over O'Flaherty and the other art of record. Claims 14 and 15 include similar limitations and are allowable over O'Flaherty for the same reasons.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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